criterion or criteria. This could be a powerful revenue generator for the service provider.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6, 7, 28, and 29. Please amend claims 1-4, 8-12, 14-21, 24-25, and 30-31 as set forth hereinbelow.

1.   (Thrice Amended)   A method for managing television program listings comprising:

storing available television program listings grouped in a plurality of predetermined subsets of television programs in one or more databases;

utilizing a first filter to select one of the plurality of predetermined subsets of television programs;

generating an electronic program guide including television program listings in said selected subset; and

displaying the generated electronic program guide on a display.

2.   (Thrice Amended)   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

utilizing said first filter and a second filter for selecting a second of the plurality of predetermined subsets of television programs to generate the electronic program guide displaying television program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs included in said second subset.

3.   (Thrice Amended)   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

utilizing said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the television programs of the first subset are the

same as at least some of the television programs of the second subset, with the second filter, and to generate the electronic program guide displaying television program listings including programs included in both said first and second subsets.

4.   (Trice Amended)   The   method   of   claim   1 further comprising:

creating a filter utilizing a list of program/event entries in the program listing database.

8.   (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a consumer device stores the television and the first filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

9.   (Twice Amended)   A system for managing television program listings comprising:

a first memory for storing a database of available television program listings grouped in a plurality of predetermined subsets of television programs;

a second memory for storing a first filter comprising a first list of one of the plurality of predetermined subsets of television programs;

a third memory for storing a second filter comprising a second list of one of the plurality of predetermined subsets of television programs; and

a processor which selects a first subset of programs according to the first filter and a second subset of programs according to the second filter to generate an electronic program guide displaying television program listings included in said first subset and said second subset,

wherein at least some of the programs in the first subset are different from the programs of the second subset, and at least

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some of the programs in the second subset are different from the programs of the first subset.

10. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter to generate the electronic program guide displaying television program listings including all of the programs included in said first subset and all of the programs included in said second subset.

11. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the programs of the first filter are the same as at least some of the programs of the second filter, and to generate an electronic program guide displaying television program listings including programs included in both said first and second subsets.

12. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to create a filter utilizing a new subset of the stored television program listing.

14. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein a set of television programs corresponding to the first and second lists intersects a set of television programs corresponding to the stored available television program listings.

15. (Twice Amended) The system of claim 14 wherein the set of television programs corresponding to the first and second lists is a proper subset of the set of television programs corresponding to the stored available.

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16. (Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein a consumer device stores the television program listings and the first filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

17. (Twice Amended)   A method for managing television program listings comprising the steps of:

storing a database of available television program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

displaying a user configuration screen having a plurality of program/event sources, each program/event source having a predetermined subset of television programs, a first program filter comprising a first list of predetermined subset of television programs and a second program filter comprising a second list of predetermined subset of television programs;

selecting at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program filter and the second program filter from the user configuration screen;

selecting the first list of predetermined subset of television programs utilizing the first program filter to produce a first subset of programs;

selecting the second list of predetermined subset of television programs utilizing the second program filter to produce a second subset of programs; and

generating an electronic program guide displaying television program listings included in said first predetermined subset and said second predetermined subset, wherein at least some of the programs of the first predetermined subset are different from the programs of the second predetermined subset, and wherein at least some of the programs of the second predetermined subset are different from the programs of the first predetermined subset.

18. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the electronic program guide displays television program listings including all of the programs included in said first predetermined subset and all of the programs included in said second predetermined subset.

19. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein at least some of the programs in the first and second predetermined subsets are the same, wherein the first and second lists intersect, and wherein the electronic program guide displays television program listings consisting of programs produced in both said first and second predetermined subsets.

20. (Twice Amended) An interactive filter selective mechanism of available television program listings comprising:

a database of available television program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

a plurality of program/event sources, each program/event source having a predetermined subset of television programs;

a first program filter comprising a first list of predetermined subset of television programs that filters the plurality of program/event sources to produce a first subset of programs;

a second program filter comprising a second list of predetermined subset of television programs that filters at least one of the plurality of program/event sources and the first subset of programs to produce a second subset of programs;

a selection of program listing sources including the plurality of program/event sources, the first subset of programs, and the second subset of programs;

a user configuration screen having a display of the selection of program listing sources, wherein a user selects at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program

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filter and the second program filter from the user configuration screen; and

an electronic program guide displaying programs included in said first subset and said second subset.

21. (Twice Amended) The interactive filter selective mechanism of claim 20 wherein the electronic program guide displays television program listings consisting of programs produced from both the first program filter and the second program filter.

24. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the predetermined subsets of television programs are editable.

25. (Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the predetermined subsets of television programs are editable.

26. The method of claim 17, wherein the filters are editable filters.

27. The interactive filter selective mechanism of claim 20 wherein the filters are editable filters.

30. (Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the first and second lists of predetermined subset of television programs are not provided with the television program listings.

31. (Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the first and second lists of predetermined subset of television programs are not provided with the television program listings.